

REPORT

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

Showing, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, the names of the officers of the Engineer and Ordnance corps who are entitled to double rations.

JUNE 30, 1842.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Printing.

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Ordered to be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT, June 29, 1842.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit, herewith, a statement containing the information called for by a resolution of the Senate of the 23d instant, in relation to the officers of the engineer and ordnance corps entitled to double rations under the regulations of this Department of the 23d ultimo. By that regulation the allowance of double rations is confined to those cases only in which it is clearly authorized by law. To the several classes of officers embraced by it, other than those in command of garrisoned posts, additional rations were allowed by regulations in force prior to the reduction of the army in 1815—to officers of engineers by regulations issued as early as July 5, 1808. And as the regulations in force prior to the reduction of the army, were explicitly recognised and adopted by the 9th section of the act of April 24, 1816, those granting additional rations thus became law, supplemental to and modifying the act of 1802, which confers the power to allow them. But the regulation of the 23d ultimo restricts the allowance to those officers of the engineers only who immediately superintend the construction or reconstruction of works, in whole or in part, excluding all those who attend only to casual repairs. The cases embraced are those involving heavy and onerous responsibility, large operations and expenditures, the control and direction of considerable numbers of men, and in many instances the duties of paymasters, quartermasters, and commissaries—paying the men and providing for their quarters and subsistence. These cases, in all respects, as fully warrant the allowance as those of officers of corresponding grades in command of garrisoned posts.

The officers of the ordnance corps in charge of the arsenals of construction, are, to all intents, in command of garrisoned posts; for, beside considerable numbers of mechanics engaged upon work of a military character, they have under their command commissioned officers and enlisted men. Their duties are very responsible and important; requiring scientific and military acquirements and experience of high character; and they are as much subject to the expenses for which the allowance of additional rations was intended as an indemnification, as officers commanding posts garrisoned with troops. And the officers superintending the national armories, from their

analogy of position, the nature, extent, and importance of their duties, and the expenses to which they are subject, are equally entitled to the allowance.

In consequence of the nature of the duties upon which the officers of the corps of Topographical Engineers are at present engaged, and the restricted operations upon the works under their charge, none of them are at this time entitled to double rations under the regulation of the 23d ultimo.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. C. SPENCER.

Hon. W. P. MANGUM,

President pro tempore of the Senate.

Officers of the corps of Engineers and Topographical Engineers, and of the Ordnance corps, entitled to double rations under the fifth and sixth articles of the regulations of the War Department of May 23, 1842.

Rank and name.	Station or headquarters.	No. of additional rations per day.	No. under command.		Nature and description of duties.
			Commissioned officers.	Mechanics and laborers.	
CORPS OF ENGINEERS.					
Brevet Col. S. Thayer	Boston, Massachusetts	5	2	204	Superintending construction of and disbursing appropriations for Fort Warren, sea-walls of Castle and Rainsford islands, and repairs of Westhead and Southeast batteries, and of sea-wall of Deer island.
Lieut. Col. R. E. de Russy	Old Point Comfort	5	1	482	Do do Forts Monroe and Calhoun.
Major J. L. Smith	New York harbor, N. Y.	4	2	231	Do do Forts Schuyler and Wood, and sea-wall of Bedlow's island.
Major W. H. Chase	Pensacola, Florida	4	—	139	Do do Forts McRee, Pickens, Bartan-cas.
Major C. A. Ogden	Mobile Point, Alabama	4	—	66	Do do Fort Morgan.
Captain George Dutton	Fort Caswell, N. C.	4	—	92	Do do Forts Caswell and Johnson.
Captain J. K. F. Mansfield	Fort Pulaski, Georgia	4	—	187	Do do Fort Pulaski.
Captain A. H. Bowman	Charleston, S. Carolina	4	—	185	Do do Forts Moultrie, Sumter, Castle Pinckney, dike to Drunken Dick shoal, and work for preservation of sites of Forts Moultrie and Johnson.

OFFICERS—Continued.

Rank and name.	Station or headquarters.	No. of additional rations per day.	No. under command.		Nature and description of duties.
			Commissioned officers.	Mechanics and laborers.	
Captain R. E. Lee	New York harbor	4	—	71	Superintending construction of and disbursing appropriations for Forts Hamilton and Lafayette, and batteries Hudson and Morton.
Captain F. A. Smith	Fort Washington	4	—	47	Do do Fort Washington.
Captain J. G. Barnard	Fort Livingston, La.	4	2	131	Do do Forts Livingston, Jackson, and St. Philip.
Captain G. W. Cullum	New London	4	—	101	Do do Forts Trumbull and Griswold.
Captain W. D. Frazer	Fort Niagara, N. Y.	4	—	67	Do do Fort Niagara, and defensive works near Buffalo.
Captain John Sanders	New York harbor	4	—	88	Do do Fort Columbus, Castle Williams, South Battery, and permanent wharves on Governor's island.
Captain C. H. Bigelow	Boston	4	—	168	Do do Fort Independence.
Lieut. J. L. Mason	Newport, R. I.	4	—	318	Do do Fort Adams and light-house on Goat island.
Lieut. W. H. Benham	St. Augustine	4	—	62	Do do Fort Marion and sea-wall at St. Augustine.
Lieut. D. Leadbetter	Oswego, N. Y.	4	—	100	Do do Fort Ontario.

Lieut. D. P. Woodbury	-	Portland, Maine	-	4	-	75	Do	do	Forts Preble, Scammel, McClary, and Constitution.
Lieut. P. G. T. Beauregard	-	New Orleans	-	4	-	107	Do	do	Forts Pike and Wood, and Battery Bienvenue, and Tower Dupré.
Lieut. J. H. Trapier	-	Beauford, N. C.	-	4	-	64	Do	do	Fort Macon and works for preserving its site.
Lieut. J. L. Stevens	-	New Bedford, Mass.	-	4	-	43	Do	do	Old fort, harbor of New Bedford.
CORPS OF TOPOGRAPHICAL ENGINEERS.									
None.									

Rank and name.	Station.	No. of rations.	No. of Persons under command.				Nature and description of duties.
			Commissioned officers and military store-keepers.	Enlisted men.	Laborers and mechanics.	Total.	
ORDNANCE CORPS.							
Major H. K. Craig	- Harper's Ferry, Va.	- 4	1	-	312	-	Superintending operations of armory.
Major J. W. Ripley	- Springfield	- 4	1	-	265	-	Do do do
Major R. L. Baker	- Watervliet	- 4	5	35	164	204	Commanding arsenal and superintending construction of gun carriages, repairs of arms, preparation and preservation of ammunition and ordnance stores, and inspecting cannon at foundries.
Major J. Symington	- Washington	- 4	2	32	49	83	Similar duties.
Captain E. Harding	- Pittsburg	- 4	2	35	17	54	Do do except inspecting cannon.
Captain B. Huger	- Fort Monroe	- 4	2	13	53	68	Do do do

